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SUBJECT: TTPI REPRESENTATION AT PNG INDEPENDENCE

CELEBRATIONS

CINCPACREP PASS HICOM AND STATUS LNO SAIPAN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO HICOM BY
CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE, WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED THROUGH
OUR EMBASSY IN CANBERRA AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE:
BEGIN QUOTE:

HIGH COMMISSIONER 20TH JUNE, 1975
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,
SAIPAN
THROUGH THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE

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SIR,

I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE 16TH SEPTEMBER HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED UPON AS THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ATTAIN FULL INDEPENDENCE AS A SOVEREIGN NATION. AS THE ISSUE OF FORMAL PRINTED INVITATIONS MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME, I AM WRITING TO GIVE YOU THIS EARLY INTIMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOOKS FORWARD TO THE

PLEASURE OF INVITING THE AMERICAN PACIFIC TERRITORIES, AS FELLOW PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE HISTORIC OCCASION. I HOPE THAT GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CAN BE REPRESENTED AT THE CELEBRATIONS, POSSIBLY AS PART OF THE US DELEGATION.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE SENT WITH THE FORMAL INVITATION BUT YOU MAY CARE TO HAVE SOME ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING PLANS FOR THIS REPRESENTATION.

I RECOGNIZE THAT YOU MAY PREFER, FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE OR COST, TO CHOOSE ONE PERSON TO REPRESENT THE THREE TERRITORIES WHICH COMPOSE THE AMERICAN PACIFIC TERRITORIES. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ASSURING YOU THAT IN SUCH EVENT, WE SHALL BE HAPPY, FOR SIMILAR REASONS, TO WELCOME THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR AS BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE THREE TERRITORIES.

INDEPENDENCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AT ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT ON THE NIGHT OF 15TH-16TH SEPTEMBER AND THE CELEBRATIONS WILL EXTEND FROM SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, THE MAIN ITEMS IN THE PROGRAM BEING THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, THE INSTALLATION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL WHICH CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MESSAGES OF GOODWILL AND GIFT EXCHANGE.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS, OR HER, SPOUSE WILL FIND IT CONVENIENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ARRIVE IN PORT MORESBY UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS ON SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER. THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE ARRANGED AND TRANSPORTS AND ESCORTS PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL. DETAILS WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER THE ISSUE OF FORMAL INVITATIONS.

I HOPE THAT I MAY LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPRESENTATION OF

THE UNITED STATES' PACIFIC TERRITORIES AT OUR CELEBRATIONS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REMAIN,

YOURS TRULY,
CHIEF MINISTER END QUOTE.

2. HICOM IS INSTRUCTED TO DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE
MICRONESIAN OFFICIAL OF TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS

ADMINISTRATION TO REPRESENT TTPI ON THIS OCCASION. WE
BELIEVE DWIGHT HEINE, WHO HAS REPRESENTED TTPI AT ANNUAL
SPC AND OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS, WOULD BE EXCELLENT
CHOICE.

3. HICOM IS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO TRANSMIT HICOM RESPONSE
TO CHIEF MINISTER'S LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR
WASHINGTON REVIEW AND TRANSMISSION TO CHIEF MINISTER
THROUGH US DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. INASMUCH AS HICOM HAS
NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMERICAN SAMOA OR GUAM, HICOM
LETTER SHOULD BE CONFINED TO NOTIFICATION OF PERSON WHOM
HICOM HAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT TTPI. WE WILL INSTRUCT
AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY TO EXPLAIN TO GPNG AS APPROPRIATE
THAT HICOM HAS NO RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AMERICAN SAMOA
AND GUAM, THAT TTPI REPRESENTATIVE CAN ONLY BE REGARDED
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF TTPI, AND THAT GUAM AND AMERICAN
SAMOA WILL NOT HAVE SEPARATE REPRESENTATION BUT WILL BE
REPRESENTED BY USG REP AND NOT BY TTPI REP.

4. PLEASE NOTE THAT CHIEF MINISTER'S LETTER INDICATES,
AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED, THAT GPNG WISHES
TO INVITE ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM TTPI WHO COULD
BE ACCCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE.
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5. HICOM RESPONSE TO CHIEF MINISTER'S LETTER SHOULD
BE PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH STATUS LNO. KISSINGER

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